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CITY SELLS
SEWER BONDS

Five Firms Submit Bids—Water Problem Still Unsettled—Municipal Plant Advocated

The bonds for the city main sewer system were sold by the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday night to Spitz & Co. The exact amount of the bonds cannot be determined until the trunk line sewers are completed, but the above firm according to its proposal will finance the proposition by furnishing the money needed as the work progresses, charging six per cent interest for the period the money is in use up to the completion of the work. At that time the city will issue bonds for the full amount, such bonds to bear 4 3-4 per cent interest from November 1, 1917. For attorneys, brokers and other expenses connected with the sale of these bonds the council authorized and payment of 2 1-2 per cent of the face value of the bonds. The amount of the bonds necessary to build the main, sewers and the laterals is estimated to run something over \$100,000. Before the deal is entirely closed the procedure will have to undergo the scrutiny of the company's experts. This will require about two weeks. Bids for construction of the sewers will be opened October 18.

The matter of awarding the franchise for a water plant, which was scheduled for settlement at this meeting, was again deferred because the committee considering the two franchises had not reached a satisfactory conclusion. While the water problem is being delayed sentiment for a municipal water plant is growing stronger from day to day. To many citizens who have been watching the proceedings it has become plain that neither of the parties seeking the franchise is prepared to spend the money necessary to give Baxter the kind of a water plant that is needed. Once granted the franchise, however, each hopes to get by in some way until the plant can be sold out. The only thing for the city to do is to go ahead and install a water plant of its own, and in fact, it appears that all that is needed to bring this about is for some public spirited citizen to circulate a petition for an election to vote on the question of issuing bonds for a municipal water plant.

CAPTURE A
LOAD OF BOOZEDouble Bed of Spring Wagon
Contained More Than
40 Pints

Columbus Advocate

Ed Mills was arrested on East Maple street this afternoon with more than 40 pints of whiskey in his possession. The whiskey was carefully concealed in the double bed of his spring wagon and George Corkle had to make a second inspection of the wagon to discover it. At first glance the wagon appeared to be empty and innocent like, but when a board was finally pried loose Corkle thought he was in Joplin. There was just enough space between the two floors to lay a pint bottle, and while Mills had only about 40 pints he could have had a hundred as far as space was concerned.

Wilson and Newland Hurt

Elmer Newland was critically burned and George Wilson was slightly burned when the boiler at the drill rig at which they were working exploded Monday morning at the Naylor farm eight miles west of this city. It is said that the accident was the result of carelessness in putting cold water in the hot boiler when it was practically empty. Newland was removed to his home in Treece, Kan., and Wilson was taken to his home.

INJURED MEN
BOTH IMPROVINGAutomobile Accident Nearly
Causes Death of Two Baxter Men—Car Complete Wreck

The latest reports from the Joplin hospital, concerning the condition of Ted Mason and J. T. McAndrews, are encouraging. The doctors say that unless complications set in both will recover.

McAndrews and Mason were injured last Friday night about 8:30 when the former ran his new Pathfinder automobile into the ditch on the Joplin road near the golf links.

The car was one of the most complete wrecks ever seen. It plunged down a twelve foot embankment and overturned two or three times. McAndrews was pinned under the wreckage. Fortunately a pressure against the button after the accident caused the horn to sound continuously. This attracted the attention of people passing who went to the rescue of the unfortunate men. At first it was thought that McAndrews was alone. He was taken into the Joplin hospital. Later other parties at the scene of the wreck found Mason in an unconscious condition lying about sixteen paces from the car. Evidently he had jumped when the car left the road, and landed on his head. He was taken to the Joplin hospital and there found to have an injury to his skull that evidently was causing a hemorrhage in the brain. He remained for several hours in a comatose condition, and only within the last day or two has hope for his recovery been expressed by the physicians in attendance.

McAndrews was found pinned under the wheel, also unconscious. At the hospital it was discovered that one ear had been practically entirely torn from his head and his head bruised and lacerated to the extent of exposing his brain. A compound fracture of one arm was found also five fractured ribs. His recovery, if it should be effected will prove almost a miracle, so badly did he appear to be injured.

McAndrews had been to Joplin in the afternoon and had been drinking heavily. Merton Good-eagle induced him to come home about five o'clock, Merton driving the car back. After supper McAndrews took it into his head to drive back to Joplin. He sought Ted Mason and induced him to take the ride with him. Ted had hoped to get at the wheel and thereby prevent an accident; but after starting McAndrews compelled Mason to give up the wheel and taking it himself, he opened the engine up wide with the remark, it is said that he would "make Joplin in twenty minutes or they would never get there."

Since becoming conscious Mason has related a small part of his experience with the driver crazed with drink. He tried to get the wheel but was pushed aside; he tried to escape but was prevented by violent bursts of speed, he would shut off the gas, only to have the momentum of the car start the engine again. When the car was ditched it must have been going 60 miles an hour.

To Barricade Mine

A wire fence, electrically charged to protect the mills and other buildings, located on the 120 acres of land under lease by the Merrill Mining company, is the plan of this company. The fence is to be constructed of barbed wire and it is to be eight feet high and charged with electricity at night to prevent any possible danger to any of its buildings or mines.

This mining company has started what is known as Kansas City, Okla., on this 120 acre lease. It has built a lodge for the use of the members of the company and another one for the miners and operators. Its first mill, the Mars, is up-to-date in every way and the company is planning to build five others.

BAXTER TO
HAVE A DAILYNews Will Make Venture With-
in a Few Weeks

Columbus Advocate

The Baxter Springs News announces that it is buying new equipment with the intention of starting a daily there within the next three weeks. What happens to the new sheet, the editor frankly admits, will depend upon the people of Baxter. The editor simply says he is willing to make the start. Baxter is one of the growing towns of Cherokee county and will find a daily newspaper a valuable asset.

Buffalo Mills Started.

The Buffalo mill No. 1, which is of 200 ton capacity, started last week. The mill is located nearly four miles southwest of this city, in the Picher district. The shaft on the Buffalo mill site near Treece is down 190 feet and it is said that it will probably be three weeks before the shaft will reach the ore body. The drill cuttings from the hole on which the shaft is being sunk, have assayed 40.65 per cent.

Baxter Men Failed to Report.

Robert J. Yost and Harry Dauben, both of Baxter Springs, failed to report last week at Columbus prior to the departure of the recruits for Camp Funston. Up to Thursday of last week the local exemption board had heard nothing concerning these men.

OBERT OUT ON BOND

Unavoidable Accident He De-
clares. Preliminary Hear-
ing Tomorrow.

John Obert of Coffeyville, charged with manslaughter in the fourth degree, in connection with the death of William Hobson in this city last week, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace John Jones last Thursday and his preliminary hearing set for Friday, October 13. Late Thursday night Obert was released under \$2,000 bond furnished by one of his Coffeyville friends.

At the time of the accident Obert was driving eastward on River street and Hobson was crossing the street. From the tracks of the wheels of the machine it appears that Obert left the middle of the street near the scene of the accident and started to go nearer to the curb, declares Ben Hobson, the father. After the accident, according to the same statement made to the reporter of this paper, it appears that the driver again directed his machine to the middle of the street and made his way off. He made no attempt to give aid of any kind to the man whom he had knocked down and dragged some distance.

Mr. Hobson also declares that when Obert reached the bridge, where he had to slow up on account of machines coming from the opposite direction, one of the occupants, a woman, got off the car and started back to find out the condition of the injured man. Obert, however, commanded her to get back into the car, saying: "We've got to beat it." Further, it is claimed that Obert, in trying to disguise his tracks, asked the way to Joplin, when he did not go there nor was he intending to go. By this inquiry he misled the city marshal, Henry Horton, who chased the man to Joplin, but in vain.

Mr. Hobson further declared to the reporter that had the man stopped and treated his son kindly he probably would have ad little to say. Mr. Hobson is the contractor for H. H. Halsell of this city. He and his son came from Decatur, Texas. Mr. Halsell has unreserved confidence in the honesty and integrity of the man. The Hobsons belong to one of the most respectable families in Decatur and have the good will of the whole community in which they live, and because of this the death of William Hobson leaves behind the man many mourners.

BIG DELEGATION
OF CAPITALISTSComing Friday to Look Over
Kansas-Oklahoma Mining
Field with View to
Investing

An excursion party of 300, made up of eastern capitalists and men representing eastern capital is billed to visit this mining field on Friday of the present week. They will come on a special train and will visit Baxter Springs, Picher, Tar River, Quapaw, St. Louis, Hocker, Century, Commerce, Miami, Lincolnville and Sunnyside.

This excursion party is entirely separate from the American Institute of Mining Engineers which will pay this mining field a visit on the same day and for the reception of whom the mining fraternity has made elaborate preparations. The purpose of the visitors is to thoroughly investigate conditions here with a view to making heavy investments in the future.

Notwithstanding the extent of our mining field has not yet been determined, according to reliable data at hand, ore discoveries up to this time have shown deposits to an extent sufficient to cause experts to declare this to be the greatest mining field in the world. Strikes have been made as close as 16 feet below the surface, and the deepest strike on the Mad-dox, was made last week at a depth of 3,320 feet. It has even proved difficult to get a solid lime foundation through which to sink shafts, because every hole has yielded ore instead.

Mill on Hickel Mine

A 150 ton capacity mill is being built on the Hickel mine by the present Oklahoma City owners. Aside from the construction of the mill the company is enlarging the main shaft and opening two older ones which are located on the lease. The two shafts are the Hobo No. 1 and No. 2. The Hickel mine which is located three miles south of Baxter Springs, in the Sunnyside district, was sold recently by Mr. Hickel of Darling, Miss., to Oklahoma parties. This mine has turned out some good ore and the indications are that it will continue turning out good stuff for sometime.

War on Loafers

War on loafers has already been declared in the state of Oklahoma. The loafers are to be given a chance either to work or take the consequences. In this national crisis, it is declared, there is no excuse for a man to be idle and every man should give an account of himself.

This undertaking by the state south of us is highly commended and is worthy of imitation elsewhere. It is further declared that when the flyer of our manhood is at the point of sacrificing the best it has, there is no excuse for another class of people to idle away its time and natural energy.

SHAFT ON NEMO

Rich Ore Formation Stimulates
Developments South of
Baxter Springs.

The strikes on the E. F. Sweeney 40 south of this city in the Lincolnville district have been so satisfactory that the company holding the lease is sinking a shaft preparatory to further developments. Three holes have been drilled out and the strikes have been made at the 113 foot level. The drill has continued from that depth to 172 feet in the ore body. Those who have seen the ore declare that the formation is like that of Picher.

The first shaft is down 73 feet and the boilers are being bricked. J. W. Hawk, F. G. Remmers, J. O. Power, C. E. Murphy and Judge Ross, all of Oklahoma City, are interested in this forty. The company is capitalized at \$100,000. The plan is first to build a 200 ton mill with the idea of increasing its capacity to 400 later on.

BAXTER TO HAVE
PAVED STREETSCity Council Passes Resolutions
for Radical Improvements

Baxter Springs is to have paved streets! Seven resolutions passed by the city council at an adjourned meeting last week was the first step taken to that effect. According to these resolutions, streets covering practically 40 blocks will be paved.

These resolutions do not mean that the paving will be started in the near future. It will take nearly six months to shape up the necessary ordinance, before actual paving can commence, declared Mayor Wright. The resolution will have to be published in The News, which is the official city paper, for four weeks. Then 20 days later an ordinance will have to be passed and printed in the paper. Another four weeks must elapse after the publication of that ordinance before the city can advertise for bids to sell the bonds. Then it will require four weeks to advertise for bids on contracts for the construction of the work. Then it will require four weeks more to fix up contractor's bonds and cover other details. All these combined, it means that paving cannot be started before April 1, 1918.

"Knowing these delays," the Mayor states, "we have started shaping matters now so that no unnecessary delay will be had. The city council has got to follow the rules laid down in the statute books of the state and there is no other way to get paving for the city streets except following the laws of the state."

Arbuthnot's Brother Passes
Away

Alfred W. Arbuthnot, age 15, died at his home at Webb City after a five weeks' illness Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. The funeral services were held at the home and interment was in Mount Hope cemetery at Webb City. The young man was a member of the junior class at the high school there and he leaves behind him scores of friends and relatives. He was a brother of W. N. Arbuthnot of this city.

OKLAHOMA DIRT
IS VERY RICHAverage Recovery of 66 Mills
Reported to Be 6.075
Per Cent

Figures compiled by Bert W. Lyon, secretary of the Joplin Ore Producers' association, are to the effect that the average recovery of zinc and lead ore in the Oklahoma section of the district, as shown by sixty-six mills now in operation, is 6.075 per cent, 4.7 being zinc blende and 1.375 lead, says the Joplin Globe.

Four mills of the Oklahoma section of the field showed a recovery of more than 10 per cent, while nine showed a recovery of less than 2 per cent. A majority of the mills reported lead as well as jack, and two reported lead recoveries of more than 5 per cent. The association figures show that there are eighty-three completed mills in the Oklahoma field, but seventeen are temporarily not running or only one or two shifts a week. And there are sixty-one new mills, building not including contracts where work has not been started.

Wm. Waugh ran his Ford car into the ditch one night last week with quite serious results. He was accompanied by Jack Barnes of this city and the two were on their way home from Joplin. The car was smashed up very badly and both men received injuries that sent them back to the Joplin hospital. Mr. Waugh was out soon after not much the worse for his experience but Jack Barnes did not fare so well. It will take several days to complete the repair work on his anatomy.

NEW PROCESS IN
ORE SEPARATIONRecent Invention Said to Great-
ly Simplify the Extraction
of Metals to Be Introduc-
ed in Baxter Field

A \$250,000 company has been organized, under the presidency of H. H. Halsell of this city, with the purpose of instituting a new ore classifying and separating process in the mills in this mining district.

The new invention separates the metallic values from the ore and it is equally well adapted to the separation of other materials where foreign matter is mingled with the valuable product. In this process of ore separation mechanical and hydraulic methods are combined prior to the performance of the separating step proper. This improved process involves the introduction of the crushed ore to a pulverizer which reduces or crushes the material to the desired degree, and by employing an upwardly directed current of water of sufficient strength to carry all the material of a pre-determined maximum grade and smaller, over the top of the mortar or receptacle in which the pulverizing operation is effected. In other words the mesh to which the material is pulverized before it leaves this mortar in response to the upward traveling current of water, is determined by the strength of the current and by the height of the wall of the mortar. The higher the wall the finer must be the pulverized material. When in a coarser condition, it is only necessary to reduce the height of the wall.

This process of milling for the first time, will be installed in the Rainbow mill four miles southwest of Baxter Springs, in section 27. The principle upon which this process evolves is simply the imitation of the laws of nature and because of this fact it is considered a success from the beginning by the mining engineers of the country.

This new milling process is patented by George C. Hackstaff of Denver, Colo. He has spent four years in the perfection of his idea and the patent was granted to him in January of this year.

The mill will be finished within 60 days when it will be open for the inspection of the public and those who are interested in mines as well.

This company which is known as the H. C. M. & M. Company, has already opened an office in Baxter Springs from where they will do all their business. The members of the company are: H. H. Halsell, president, R. C. Her-ring, R. H. Drennan, C. W. Stringer, Charles Lynch and George Hackstaff.

ANOTHER STRIKE
SOUTHWARDAn Unusually Uniform Forma-
tion of Thick Vein on The
Cooper Estate

What may be considered an unusually good strike, which has shown a thick uniform vein of ore from 155 feet depth to 197 1-2 was brought out on the John M. Cooper estate last week south of Baxter Springs just the other side of the state line in Oklahoma. The ore is lead and the drill cuttings at the beginning of the ore body and at the termination indicate the same per centage of richness. It is declared by those who have seen good many strikes in this field that this is the first one of its kind.

Three holes have been drilled out on this place. The first hole showed the presence of lead and jack, while the second brought out only lead. C. M. Mitchell formerly of Mountain Grove, Mo., and now of this city, and his associates of Mountain Grove hold the lease on this tract. It is the plan to sink a shaft and build a mill and develop the land to its fullest strength.